

Response of August 18, 2005

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REMARKS

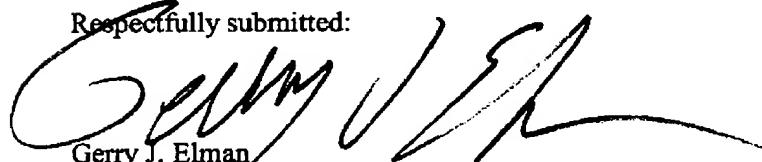
Claim 9 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in the Action of July 29, 2005. The language of the amendment is derived from the specification at page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 6. Applicants thank the Examiner for a brief phone interview on August 17, 2005, confirming that this amendment overcomes the problem stated in the Action.

Claim 14 is amended to correct the recitation of "method" when "material" was obviously intended. Applicants thank the Examiner for catching this inadvertency.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the present submission and direct any questions to the undersigned attorney. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt Notice to that effect is solicited.

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